

House Study Bill 769

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AGRICULTURE BILL BY
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A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing for a living snow fence program.
2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
3 TLSB 6490HC 82
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1 1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 314.22A LIVING SNOW FENCE
1 2 PROGRAM.
1 3 The department of transportation may establish a living
1 4 snow fence program to provide a snow barrier to reduce blowing
1 5 and drifting snow on roadways. The department may administer
1 6 the program in cooperation with the department of natural
1 7 resources or the United States department of agriculture. As
1 8 part of the program, the department of transportation may
1 9 alone or in conjunction with one of those agencies execute an
1 10 agreement with landowners for planting and keeping rows of
1 11 corn parallel to a roadway, and may restrict tilling land in a
1 12 manner that disturbs the rows of corn.
1 13 EXPLANATION
1 14 This bill provides that the department of transportation
1 15 may establish a living snow fence program to provide a snow
1 16 barrier to reduce blowing and drifting snow on roadways. The
1 17 bill allows the department to cooperate with the department of
1 18 natural resources or the United States department of
1 19 agriculture in administering the program which may allow
1 20 landowners to plant and keep rows of corn parallel to a
1 21 roadway, and may restrict tilling land in a manner that
1 22 disturbs the rows.
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